

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 20, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 332, 3/14/2007; SB 378,
3/15/2007; HJ 2, 3/16/2007
Executive Action: None

00:02:00 Rep. Sonju assumed position of Chairman

HEARING ON HJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:13 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HJ 2,
Revenue estimating resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:40 Terry Johnson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal
Division

EXHIBIT(tah59a01)

00:09:53 Judy Paynter, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:17 Rep. Ross

00:13:45 Rep. Erickson

00:20:22 Rep. McAlpin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:51 Rep. Bob Lake

HEARING ON SB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:39 Sen. Carol Juneau (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB
332, Exempt tribally owned property from taxation.

EXHIBIT(tah59a02)

EXHIBIT(tah59a03)

EXHIBIT(tah59a04)

EXHIBIT(tah59a05)

EXHIBIT(tah59a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:47 Rep. Shannon Augare, HD 16

00:36:26 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16

00:38:30 Donald Laverdure, Chief Legal Council, Crow Nation

EXHIBIT(tah59a07)

Proponents' Testimony: (Con't)

00:48:11 Mark McGee, Director of Land Department, Blackfeet
Tribe
00:52:51 Earl Old Person
01:02:57 Roger Running Crane, Vice Chairman, Blackfeet Tribe
01:03:30 Betty Cooper, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, also
Acting Secretary for the Blackfeet Tribe
01:07:46 Smiley Kessin, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
01:08:12 Rodney Gervais, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:19 Rep. McAlpin
01:13:09 Mark McGee
01:14:32 Rep. Butcher
01:21:36 Rep. Cohenour
01:23:45 Lionel Kennerly, Department of Revenue
01:24:48 Rep. Butcher
01:26:24 Rep. Sonju
01:27:04 Mark McGee
01:28:54 Rep. Bixby
01:29:14 Donald Laverdure
01:32:50 Rep. Lambert
01:33:40 Sen. Juneau
01:37:35 Rep. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:45 Sen. Carol Juneau

01:43:39 Recess

01:55:33 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:55:46 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB
378, Use of comparable federal tax definitions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:58:59 George Olsen, representing Montana Society of CPA's

02:01:55 Holly Franz, representing Montana Society of CPA's

EXHIBIT (tah59a08)

02:03:23 John Bennion, representing Montana Chamber of Commerce
also speaking for Montana Taxpayers Association and
Montana Auto Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:04:14 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:04:53 Rep. Lambert

02:05:33 Holly Franz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:16 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah59aad.pdf](#))